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| APPLICATOR                                   | ) |                            |

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicant submits the following remarks:

1. **EP 1 155 637** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0011251 A1, submitted herewith.
2. **FR 1 210 939** - This document is cited in the priority application's French Search Report, submitted herewith.

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